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EXTENSION OF TIME REQUEST PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.136 (a) (3)

The Commissioner is hereby requested and authorized to treat any concurrent or future reply, which requires a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

The Commissioner also is authorized to charge the fee required for such an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 05-0221.

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